tors, including M.Ps., wherein it has been stated that China has turned Tibet into nuclear base and has settled millions of Chinese there; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government regard Tibet as an autonomous part of the People's Republic of China.

Hope Textile Mills Limited, Indore

1596. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in a suit filed by the affected workers of Hope Textile Mills Limited, Indore the Supreme Court has recently passed orders in favour of the workers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that the orders of the Supreme Court are complied with without any loss of time and payment made to the workers at the earliest; and

(c) by when, the workers are likely to be paid accordingly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Supreme Court has given appropriate directions to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Drought conditions in Ghana Bird Sanctuary

1597. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ghana Bird sanctuary near Bharatpur is in the grip of a worst ever drought, forcing big flocks of birds to move to neighbouring areas;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Sanctuary is facing the threat of increased pollution changing the water chemistry of the Sanctuary;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what effective steps Government propose to take in the matter;

(d) what are the major recommendations of the Ramakrishna Committee and whether the Rajasthan Government has implemented these recommendations; and

(e) whether the Central Government will take over the management of the Sanctuary in view of its international importance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Though the protected area is facing a drought, the birds are not moving to neighbouring areas, according to a report of the Rajasthan Government.

(b) and (c) It is reported that there is no increased pollution threat to this protected area and its water chemistry has not changed.

(d) A statement giving the major recommendations is attached (*See* below). It cannot be stated as to which of the recommendations of the Ramakrishna Committee would be accepted by the Government of Rajasthan.

(e) No, Sir.

Statement

1. Fires as accidents should be prevented in future. However, the use of fire as a management tool may not be ruled out as the wild growth of dry scrub cannot be totally eliminated without controlled burning.